Institutional mechanism to implement Commission's report on riots

1750. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion expressed by Justice B.N. Srikrishna, the author of the Commission report that enquired into the Mumbai communal riots that there is need for an institutional mechanism which ensures that Government of the day does not have the discretion to reject a report if it finds ''inconvenient''; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the news report titled 'Ensure no Government can reject inconvenient report:Srikrishna' that appeared in the English daily, the Indian Express on 6.6.2007.

The State Government of Maharashtra, which is the appropriate Government under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, tabled the Srikrishna Commission's report along with the Action Taken Report in both the Houses of State Legislature on 6.8.1998 in terms of Section 3(4) of the aforesaid Act.

Policy to tackle Naxal problem

1751. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of districts are already in the grip of Naxal groups;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many security persons have been killed during the last two months by Naxals in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy to tackle Naxal problem which has resulted in the killing of several hundred innocent people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) There are 91 districts in 11 States from where incidents of naxalite violence have been reported in 2006. However, incidence of violence varies widely, and is mainly confined to some pockets of some of the States. Areas falling in 395 Police Stations in 11 States were affected by naxalite violence in 2006, which is 4.65 per cent of the total number of Police Stations (8488) in these States.

Security personnel killed during the last two months by naxalites in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are as below: